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Dear H.B.G.:

I have just received your cable stating that you have given the world copyright to Fretz & Wasmuth, which I had not previously realized. In view of this situation I have just radioed Fretz & Wasmuth as follows:

"Have requested Houghton Mifflin send you for signature contract I worked out with them pursuant your and Gisevius cables stop To expedite matters suggest you communicate directly with Houghton Mifflin stop Advise Gisevius."

Meanwhile, I agreed with Houghton Mifflin on a form of contract which conforms to the oral understanding I had with them and I am asking them to mail a copy directly to Fretz & Wasmuth for their signature. In view of the speed with which matters can now be handled by airmail and as I do not personally know Fretz & Wasmuth, it seems far better that the two publishers should handle these matters directly between themselves, in consultation with you, since all fundamental issues are now settled and they can themselves best decide as to matters of detail.

For your information I enclose a copy of my exchange of correspondence with Houghton Mifflin. I am not sending the first draft of contract they submitted as I believe the changes I suggested will be self explanatory, except the reference to clauses 4(a) and 7(b). I have given these clauses, as originally submitted, in a separate note.

Faithfully yours,

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